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SUBJ: FRENCH OBJECTIONS TO FRG DISCUSSIONS WITH GDR AND
SOVIETS ABOUT FLAG TOURS

REF: BONN 10201; BERLIN 6327

1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE FRENCH MINISTER (LANDY) THAT HE DID EXPRESS TO MAYOR STOBBE FRENCH DISSATISFACTION WITH GAUS AND BRAEUTIGAM'S EAST BERLIN DISCUSSIONS OF FLAG TOURS. THIS APPARENTLY OCCURRED JUNE 15, AT ABOUT THE TIME WE HAD SENT A MESSAGE NOTING OUR EMBASSY'S DISAPPROVAL AND SAYING THERE WAS NO POINT IN FURTHER DISCUSSING THE PROJECT IN BERLIN.

2. LANDY CONVEYED THE MESSAGE IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN THE COURSE OF A PROTOCOLARY CALL ON ANOTHER MATTER. HE SAID THAT STOBBE HAD REACTED BY SAYING THAT SUCH A CONFUSION OF CHANNELS WAS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AND DANGEROUS,
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AND HAD ASKED WHAT ACTION HE, STOBBE, COULD TAKE. LANDY SAID THAT HE THOUGHT NO ACTION WAS CALLED FOR FROM BERLIN, AS THE SUBJECT WOULD PROBABLY BE RAISED IN BONN.

3. IT SEEMS TO BE A DEAD ISSUE, AND WE AGREE THAT IT IS NOT PARTICULARLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN GO INTO THE SUBJECT. BUT WE REMAIN UNPERSUADED

THAT IT IS ADVISABLE TO WITHHOLD FROM THE GERMANS SOME IDEA
OF OUR VIEWS, EVEN IF IT IS EXPRESSED QUITE INFORMALLY. IT
IS EVEN SOMEWHAT ASYMMETRICAL FOR US TO HAVE REPROACHED
KHOTULEV FOR MITDANK'S HAVING RAISED ALLIED SUBJECTS WITH
THE SENAT, BUT NOT TO EXPRESS OURSELVES TO THE FRG ON AN
ANALOGOUS IMPROPRIETY. THE REAL DANGER OF COURSE IS LESS
THAT GAUS WILL MISSPEAK HIMSELF (ALTHOUGH EXCEPT UNDER
TIGHT INSTRUCTIONS HIS RECORD SHOWS SUCH TENDENCIES), THAN
THAT RAISING IT WITH THE EAST GERMANS WILL INDUCE OR ENHANCE
SPURIOUS NOTIONS OF THEIR OWN COMPETENCE IN THE AREA. GEORGE

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